IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of Heard et al. Serial No.: 09/533,029 Filed: March 22, 2000 Title: Disease-Induced Polynucleotides Mail Stop AF Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, from a Final Rejection dated January 8, 2003, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 37-76. The period to respond within five months falls on Monday, June 9, 2003. The appropriate fee for an extension of two (2) months has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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